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California State Parks to Hold Public Hearing on June 27 on Addition of Stocker Street Properties to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

The California Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a hearing on a proposal to purchase additional properties to become part of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. The hearing will be held in the cafeteria of the Foundation for the Junior Blind at 5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard in Los Angeles on Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. The hearing room is accessible to all persons. Street parking is available, but may be limited by on-going street repairs. Car-pooling is advised.

Up to 33 acres of vacant land located on the south side of Stocker Street between Overhill Drive and Presidio Drive in the Baldwin Hills area of southwest Los Angeles County would be purchased from willing sellers. Santa Monica Bay lies four miles to the west and downtown Los Angeles six miles to the northeast of the proposed acquisitions. Funds for the acquisitions are available from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

A map of the proposed acquisitions will be posted at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area administrative offices at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard and at the California State Park Office on the fifth floor of the MWD Building at 700 North Alameda Street. The map is also available on the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov under *News and Announcements/News Releases 2002*.

The purpose of the hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public on California State Park's proposed acquisition of the Stocker Street properties. State Park staff and project proponents will make a background presentation and answer the public's questions before opening the podium for comments. A summary of the comments will be submitted to the Legislature.

Written comments will be accepted for the record if received no later than July 5, 2002. Written comments should be addressed to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, One Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814 or e-mail to smill@parks.ca.gov. Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice or requests for special assistance to Skip Mills at (916) 445-9088 or smill@parks.ca.gov.
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